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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1858

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sure. You will please have it  
packed in the same case in which  
it came & in like manner or if you  
have destroyed the box in which it came  
you can easily have another one made  
and send it to me by Baltimore.

I have promised to be in New York  
in a few days & shall await your  
decision before going and shall sell  
the looking glass, Stages & Fire screen  
for which they will bring and make  
the sign of the  $\dagger$  over the whole  
transaction & try & not think more of  
it. As to waiting longer on you that  
is out of the question, and the proposition  
which I have made to you is the only  
one which I see feasible for me.

We are all quite well and all  
join in kindest remembrance. Please write  
me soon.

Very affectionately

Thos. J. Clarkson

Thos Baker Esq.

The Home Mt. 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

My dear Sir

If I could afford it I should  
not say a word to you again about the  
furniture I imported for you & by which  
I have been and am still embarrassed.

I owe \$225 still upon it - & am out  
of pocket some \$9.00 - I have given  
my word to the maker & I intend  
to fulfill the obligation which I incurred  
for you & that if I have to sell my  
property to do it - That is the way I  
have thus far progressed in the world &  
expect to do - until the end of the  
chapter.

I write you now to make a proposition  
which may work me out of the position  
in which I am placed - The glass  
for your fire screen is in N York &

way made to replace the one that  
was broken - The window fixings  
were made to fit your windows  
& the Table was made to suit the  
looking glass between your windows  
(at least I think that was the purpose)  
for which it was ordered - These  
articles are part of your suite of fur-  
niture & you ought to have them  
They are worth more to you than any  
once else, they will enhance the rest  
of your furniture & vice versa.

Now you have the clock which does  
not go & is entirely useless to you. My  
impression is that I can better sell  
that than the articles above mentioned  
because they form part of a whole &  
were made to fill special vacancies.

Your clock is an independent article  
& will go with any furniture - &  
as I have said before it is useless to you  
for I doubt from what you have

said whether any of your village  
clock makers can arrange it -  
If you will send me the clock I will  
send you the above named articles (viz.  
the curtain fixings, the table, & the  
glass plate which I have not seen  
and are still packed up by the wire)  
and also my clock of Boulton which  
stands upon its pedestal against  
the wall in my dining room. You  
know it, it has been generally ad-  
mired & goes well - & keeps good  
time - These articles cost more  
than your clock & your clock may  
get me at least partially through  
the matter - without so much loss  
as I would perhaps have to incur by  
selling the curtain fixings &c -  
I make the proposition offering you  
more than the value of your clock  
(it costs you about £240) in order  
to get myself out of the scrape -  
You can not refuse the offer I am

do not get angry & back in a twinkling  
Please be careful in packing the clock & pendulum  
to that they do not get damaged